

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Reid of Montana is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Giles McLaren of Lansing is visiting here this week.

Orville Allen and wife are the happy parents of a baby girl.

Miss Ruth Coalwell left Monday to visit relatives in Kalamazoo.

Miss Zoa Wheaton is attending the summer school at Kalamazoo.

Miss Ruth Pinney has returned home from Mt. Pleasant Normal.

Dr. and Mrs. Ora Reichard of Flint were recent guests of his parents.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers.

Miss Mary Moynont is home at present. She has been at Ann Arbor.

J. D. Helman, who was injured last week while cranking his auto is better.

Mrs. C. Flowering entertained her granddaughter from Lansing over Sunday.

"The Son of Tarzan" will be shown on Wednesday only hereafter—advertisement.

Miss Zinn, Miss Smith, and Miss Willet are spending the summer near Petoskey.

No show at the Strand Tuesday, Thursday or Friday next week—advertisement.

Mrs. W. E. Reynolds is visiting at the home of relatives in Dowagiac for a few days.

Zane Grey's "The Man of the Forest" Strand—Sunday and Monday—advertisement.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Birchfield, Tuesday, a baby boy. His name is Warren Powell.

Fried Cakes and Cookies as made at the Model Bakery are unequalled. Try them.—00-8w

Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Fuller of Farwell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Convis.

L. B. Sawyer and sons, Robert and Victor, spent a few days the past week at Houghton.

O. L. Smith, prosecuting attorney of Gratiot county, was in the city on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Ella Torbert of Los Angeles, Calif., visited her niece, Mrs. W. L. Clise, the past week.

Francis King returned the first of the week from a several days' business trip to New York.

Mrs. L. B. Sutherland of Pontiac is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. L. B. Sawyer.

Warren Mellinger is acting as operator at the Ann Arbor depot during the absence of Wm. Carr.

Fred Cushing and wife of Hastings visited over Sunday with their son, W. W. Cushing, and family.

Mrs. Clyde Pinney of Newark, N. J., is a guest of Mr. Pinney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pinney.

C. A. Miller, manager of Strand theatre, was in Detroit on business the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Tucker of Detroit spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shepard.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones.

Miss Ernestine Crittenden of Chicago is spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blizard.

Mrs. C. E. Benedict, Mrs. W. W. Cushing and Miss Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Smith spent Wednesday at Bass Lake.

Doss McKay, who has been attending college at Hillsdale for the past three years has returned home for the summer vacation.

Miss Minnie Simmons, a teacher in the Laingsburg schools for the past few years, is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dodge of Middleton, Mrs. Minerva and Miss Gertrude Dodge of Riverside, Calif., were Sunday guests of Mrs. Bedie Kellogg.

Mrs. A. F. Williams, Mrs. Clara Hale and daughter, Frances, of Chicago spent from Friday until Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gardner.

The Pollyanna class of the M. E. Sunday school of which Miss Irene Sackett is teacher, had a fine outing at Crystal last Thursday. A picnic dinner was much enjoyed.

Mrs. E. W. Brehm and daughter, Barbara, of Minneapolis, who have been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shepard, left for her home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike of Detroit were callers in Ithaca Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pike were on their way to Mt. Pleasant where Mr. Pike will teach in the summer normal.

The death of Mrs. Samuel Bidding of North Star township Friday afternoon of spinal meningitis came as a shock to the community. A family of young children is left also the husband.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Price left the past week for an auto trip through the northern part of the state. They will visit Traverse City, Charlevoix, Petoskey and other points in the north.

William E. Reynolds, city manager, left the first of the week for South Bend on a business trip. Enroute home the latter part of the week he will stop at Dowagiac for the week end and the Fourth.

Rev. L. L. Dewey spoke at the dedication service of the Sethon church Friday evening. The new church was rebuilt by the Methodist society. An addition was added to the main auditorium which opens from it with folding doors. The addition of a kitchen makes it a fine country plant entirely on the ground floor.

Professor James E. Mitchell, dean of men at Alma College, who was granted the sabbatical year of leave by the trustees of the institution after a service covering a score of years, will leave Alma the latter part of the week for New York, from which point he will sail for Europe, where he will do research work during the next year. He is granted the year's leave with full pay.

The Open Forum

This Forum will accept communications up to 300 words in length on matters of community and county interest. Communications in regard to personal controversies, religious discussions and political disputes will not be accepted. All copy must be in not later than Tuesday and all communications must be signed.

Some time ago there appeared in the columns of the State Journal, an invective against the Volstead prohibition law by one Walker Whiteside, an actor and much traveled man in which he laid all the cause of the great wave of crime now prevailing in this country to the account of the Volstead act, by saying that "it was the most absurd, assinine and spineless atrocity that was ever put over on the public."

"Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The above words were uttered by a very wise man over one thousand years before the birth of Christ and have remained a moral standard until this day. It took the best moral and intellectual attainments of a host of our nation's best citizens over one hundred years to educate this nation up to a prohibition standpoint. Included in this number were the eloquent John B. Goff, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Margaret E. Sangster, Frances E. Willard, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, and our own Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw, the highest type of men and women that the world has ever known. But it remained the privilege of Mr. Whiteside at this late date to tell them that they were all wrong.

That Mr. Whiteside has either exposed his super egotism or his assinineity is evident.

That law is never the cause of crime. I only have to refer to Sir Edward Coke's definition of law. Coke (400 years ago) defined law as "a rule of public conduct given by the supreme power of the state or nation commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong." Sir William Blackstone in 1665 reiterated the same definition to his law class at Oxford and all of our best American authors have followed their precedent. Lord Blackstone also stated that a man enjoyed the greatest liberty when living entirely alone free and separate from every individual. But that in every well organized society each individual member must sacrifice some of their personal liberties in order to promote the good of the whole society.

Therefore if we have a law prohibiting the free use of a thing that since the dawn of history has proven to be a curse to mankind and society in general, no man has a right to lay crime at its door. Crime is always in defiance of law and never in consequence of it.

If Mr. W. will examine the history of money during the period from 1810 to 1860 he will find that each bank had a lawful right to issue its own (wild cat) money and there was never a time in the history of our nation when counterfeiting was so extensively and successfully carried on, not in consequence of the law but in defiance of law. And the law that authorized the issue, provided a punishment for the counterfeiting of the same. Just so with the Volstead Act. A law without a penalty is no law at all.

When God said, "Let us make man in our image," He said, let us make an animal with hands that walks uprightly, but let us give him our Divine intellect that he may know good from evil and that he may rule the earth with justice. But it is very unfortunate that men develop the animal to the neglect of the Divine nature and like animals with hands walk uprightly over the land in defiance of law, satisfying their own selfishness to the detriment of all other members of the organized society to which they belong. The legislature of this great nation composed of the highest type of moral and intellectual statesmen whom we honor with our franchise and trust with full confidence said by enacting that law that it was just and right for the whole nation and it is the duty of every citizen to abide by and obey it for the good of all concerned. For the voice of the people has demanded it.

The great wave of crime now prevailing is not due to a righteous law newly enacted, but it caused by two principle agencies; first, the abnormal condition prevailing during the war, and second, it is caused by those men whom we called profiteers during the war who realized great profits and since the catastrophe has closed have sat down with folded hands waiting for another catastrophe in which to invest their spoils that they may produce another tragedy that will produce another class of criminals that will walk uprightly over the land in defiance of law, and another class of otherwise honest industrious men who would willingly work for the necessities of life if the so-called captains of industry would unlock the gates of opportunity and let them in.

Mr. Whiteside also says that he has inside information that President Harding will give the Volstead Act a trial and that when the people will have had enough of it, he (President Harding) will see to it that the act is rescinded.

Mr. Harding was elected President of this nation by a splendid majority and the people are trusting in him with a trust that speaks of devotion. And should he prove recreant to his trust in the execution of justice and just laws, the next turn of the wheel of political fortune will relegate him to the gallery of the nation's has-beens where he will remain until Gabriel calls him from among that great throng of those who have not measured up to the national ideal.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Fetterhoff.

Editor, "The Record,"

Sir:

Permit an observation and kindly suggestion from a day's visitor in your pleasant little town. On Sunday, a sane person who has done six days' honest work naturally appreciates rest and quiet. This, we fancy, is the wish of the majority of sensible and substantial citizens who are the backbone of every worth-while community. Unfortunately, many communities have also a minority whose idiosyncrasy and conceit is seemingly gratified only by making untimely, unnecessary and conspicuous noise. Approach of July 4th apparently lends excuse to their outbursts. Result—an otherwise restful day marred by constant explosions of large firecrackers, etc. set off by a few irresponsible to the serious annoyance of the rest of a law-abiding community. Whether the firing is done by some petty shopkeeper to advertise his wares, or by a thoughtless urchin, or by some ordinary loafer with nothing else to do, it is no sign of "patriotism"—which always implies thoughtfulness for others. One wonders why the peaceful majority doesn't ask the noisy minority an old question: "How long will you abuse our patience?" Only until the former awake and realize that their liberties are being infringed by those who haven't the disposition or brains to know the difference between liberty and license.

Yours,

E. V. D.

WRIGHT SCHOOL

Everybody is invited to attend the ice cream social given by the Arcadia Sunday school Friday evening, July 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Young on the bank of the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metcalf and Mr. and Mrs. Fee spent Sunday at Charlotte with Mrs. Metcalf's parents. Their cousin accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockefeller entertained her sister and family and also her father from Perrinton on Sunday.

Mrs. Giles Isham spent last Thursday at Pomper.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smith entertained company from Saginaw over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bean and little son of Belding are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Muhr this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely Wolf and family spent Sunday at Crystal Lake.

George Bauer has returned home from the Howell sanitarium.

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Weather and Crop Bulletin

Following is the weather and crop bulletin for the week ending June 28, prepared by the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

Weather Conditions

During the past week the temperature averaged 7 degrees above the daily normal. The drought which has prevailed for weeks was generally relieved over the southern counties by heavy showers during the latter part of the week, and conditions much improved over the northern counties by light scattering showers, but more rain is much needed to save crops in this section.

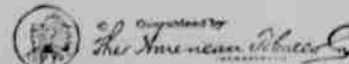
General Summary

Crop conditions were greatly improved by showers during the past week. The hay crop has generally been secured but the yield was light with the exception of alfalfa, owing to the protracted dry weather. Winter wheat and winter rye harvest has begun in the southern counties; the straw is short but the heads well filled. Oats are beginning to head on short straw and the prospects are for a reduced yield because of the droughty conditions. Corn, beans, sugar beets and garden truck have withstood the drought and are in good condition. Pastures are short and dried up. A light crop of cherries and raspberries is being marketed. Early peas in the northern counties have been harvested and the crop is light and unless rain comes soon there will be no late ones. The canneries which usually run from 6 to 8 weeks will finish in one week this year.



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